Amendments to the specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 7, and ending on page 17, line 3, as follows:

FIG. 4 shows a block diagram of an example architecture of an embodiment of an adaptive suppression device 40 according to the present invention, implementing the above method. The device 40 includes: a low-pass filter (LPF) block 42; a local variance compute block 44 that computes the local deviation $\sigma(y,x)$ for a pixel in a window based on neighboring pixels; a signal detection function block 46 that ~~uses~~ inputs the local variances $\sigma(y,x)$ to detect location of the window in relation to noisy and signal areas in the input picture using $\beta(y,x)$; a ringing-like detection function block 48 that detects ringing-like patterns using the function $g(y,x)$ ~~$\beta(y,x)$~~; a ringing-like area detection block 50 that uses detection of noisy/signal area and detection of ringing-like-patterns in the ringing-like pattern area function $\gamma(y,x)$ to determine if window is around ringing-like pattern area in the picture; and a combiner 52 that selectively combines portions of $\{I_n\}$ with portions of $I_{LPF}(y,x)$ based on detected ringing-like pattern areas (as described), to generate enhanced output signal $J(y, x)$ representing an output picture in which ringing-like areas are essentially suppressed .